

REMARKS

The application has been amended and is believed to be in condition for allowance. There are no formal matters outstanding.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation that the Official Action indicated that claims 5-6 and 8-11 were directed to allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base and any intervening claims.

In reliance thereupon, the previously pending claims have been canceled without prejudice and new claims 19-54 have been added.

Claim 19 corresponds to allowable claim 5, claim 20 to allowable claim 6, claim 23 to allowable claim 8, and claim 24 to allowable claim 9.

Claims 21-22 correspond to prior claim 7 and depend respectively from allowable claims 19 and 20. Claims 25-26 correspond to prior claims 9-10. The remaining claims correspond to prior claims 12-18 and depend respectively from new claims 19, 20, 23, and 24.

Since the new independent claims correspond to claims indicated to be allowable, and the new dependent claims correspond to previously pending claims and depend from allowable

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independent claims, allowance of all the claims is respectfully requested.

Applicants believe that the present application is in condition for allowance and an early indication of the same is respectfully requested.

Should there be any questions, it is requested that the undersigned attorney be contacted so as to resolve any remaining formal matters and to expedite allowance of the case.

Please charge the fees of \$86 for the one extra independent claim and \$288 for the extra 16 claims of any type added herewith to Deposit Account No. 25-0120.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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